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Dear Triends,

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2 Peter 1:19 ...For this prophetic message is like a piercing light shining in a gloomy place until the dawning of a new day, when the Morning Star rises in your hearts. (Passion translation)

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." Il Peter 1:19

'This prophetic message' is referring to the message spoken by God during the transfiguration of Jesus. Yes, Father God lavished upon Him radiant glory and honor when his distinct voice spoke out of the realm of majestic glory. Endorsing Him with these words: This is my cherished Son, marked by my love. All my delight is found in Him! (2 Peter 1:17) It is these words that shine in the dark of both the world in which we live, and in our broken human hearts. Our hearts can be bathed in the light of His truth, and the gloom and darkness of our world transformed by the shining Light of the World.

Since *Nightlight* began over 30 years ago, many technological changes have been made. We no longer have any way of tracking our numbers of listeners/readers. Because it is made available monthly online, we get responses and inquiries from literally all over the world. We are so grateful for each person who finds *Nightlight* helpful, and appreciate their interest and input.

Now, with the huge increase in online communications, blogs, personal channels, etc., we are aware that people can access a huge amount of teaching and ministry material on many topics. Many sites are far more gifted in production quality. Yet we do not have the inclination to be more than what the Lord has called us to be. We don't see it as a competition, only a contribution. We deeply appreciate those of you who regularly support us in so many ways. We never take you for granted. And we are always mindful of the fact that we seem to be a regular part of your world. Thank you! And that is our most important contributing mission.

Nightlight was begun by request to keep in touch – us with you, and you with us. Our heart was to reach and help people in various sorts of need. It was meant then and now to be just what the title says, *a light shining in a dark place*. Sometimes I have allowed myself to stray from that original calling by presenting prophetic warnings or confrontive messages to a darkening culture. Valid as that may have been in a certain setting, it was not the original aim. *A light shining in a dark place* was mainly meant to help hurting and struggling people to embrace the power of the good news of the gospel: the message of the healing love of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our desire is to usher each one into that healing presence, and to aid them to unite with the Cross in that healing work in their lives, their relationships, and their communities.

We are seeking the Lord in returning to those roots. You don't need me to point out to you what you already know: that darkness is dark, that evil is evil, and that our culture is drowning in it. What Mary and I long to do now is to fully return to shining the Light into the dark places of our lives. So you may find your *Nightlight* recordings to be of a more personal nature in the future. Your message this month is the opening lecture from a major series first recorded in 1992 called *CRISIS IN WESTERN CIVILZATION*. It is as vital and up to date as if it was given this week. The anointing upon the message is what counts. We hear from many telling us that older messages were exactly what they needed at the moment they heard (or re-heard) them. And we have asked the Lord's direction in what needs to be sent out and when.

I am also in the preparation stages of writing newer more concise articles on the web page called Clay's Corner. There seems to be a never ending flow of issues that are certainly worthy of our time and study. I am overwhelmed with the awareness of that fact. I am asking for the Lord's direction to know what MY PART is, and to only focus on what He directs through me. That will be what He blesses from our portion of the battle-field. If we can give what He has worked in us, we know it will be life giving. and will help you as we seek to honor Him. And that's what we want. Another resource available on our website is the *Nightlight* archives. This is an extensive past listing of monthly *Nightlight* editions, including both the newsletters and audio messages. There is, of course, no charge for either the articles in Clay's Corner or the *Nightlight* archives.



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Stop the Curses

In a Gallup survey taken in pre WW II America, this was the general consensus opinion spoken about the coming generation by the general public: that they were self-centered, rebellious, lazy, communistic, and given to addictive indolent lifestyles. Yes, this was the description given by the elders of the population that fought and defeated the Axis powers and saved western civilization. We call them 'The Greatest Generation.' God doesn't need a massive transforming flood. He doesn't need anything. But He is happy to work with five loaves and two fishes. I believe there are more than a handful of millennials being prepared to stand and deliver in this next battle, not for western civilization, but for civilization itself! May we stop proclaiming these negative curses on our children's generation! Don't dishonor God's wisdom with unbelief in what He is do-ing in them. Remember the words of a high schooler in California who helped protect a good teacher from a lousy school board. He wrote them to not underestimate their power to stand against evil: "We are the *Lord of the Rings* generation... and YOU SHALL NOT PASS!



Closing Thoughts ...

Pease continue to keep us in your prayers as we are living in two worlds between home and Texas, as we support and help care for Mary's Dad (that's him below). Thank you! In His Light and Joy, Clay and Mary

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